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SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ENGROSSED

NO. **SJR 2** - 02/07/2007

Introduced by: Senators Koetzle, Gray, Hunhoff, Olson (Ed), and Peterson (Jim) and Representatives Heineman, Dennert, Pederson (Gordon), and Putnam at the request of the Constitutional Revision Commission

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION, To propose a constitutional amendment to require certain meetings  
2 of the Legislature to be open to the public.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE  
4 OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

5 Section 1. That at the next general election held in the state, the following amendment to  
6 Article III, section 15 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, as set forth in section 2  
7 of this Joint Resolution, which is hereby agreed to, shall be submitted to the electors of the state  
8 for approval.

9 Section 2. That Article III, section 15 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, be  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 § 15. ~~The sessions of each house and of the committee of the whole shall be open, unless~~  
12 ~~when the business is such as ought to be kept secret~~ All legislative sessions, joint sessions, and  
13 committee meetings shall be open to the public unless the business is such as ought to be closed  
14 to the public. If the business is such as ought to be closed to the public, a session or meeting



- 1 may be closed to the public upon a two-thirds vote of the members elect of the session or the
- 2 meeting. This section does not apply to any party caucus.